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SUBJ: UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON'S DEC 17 MEETING WITH
FONMIN VAN DER STOEL: EC SUMMIT AND OIL CRISIS

1. DURING COURSE TODAY'S MEETING, FONMIN VAN DER STOEL
TOLD UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON AND ME THAT ENERGY ANNEX TO
COPENHAGEN SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE READ
AS A REJECTION OF SECSTATE'S PROPOSAL FOR NEW WORLD-WIDE
ORGANIZATION OF CONSUMER AND PRODUCER NATIONS TO COLLABORATE
ON ALL AREAS OF THE WORLD ENERGY PROBLEM IN FAVOR OF
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EC-ARAB BLOC-TO-BLOC NEGOTIATIONS. GON, HE ELABORATED

IS AGAINST A SEPARATE EC-OAPEC NEGOTIATION.

2. THE GON, WHICH TAKES A POSITIVE VIEW OF THE SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE AND CONSIDERS IT OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE, HAD RECOMMENDED AN AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE IN THE COMMUNIQUE DRAFTING. THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH HAD BEEN PREPARED:

3. QUOTE TO THIS END THEY ARE PREPARED TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS WITH EACH INTERESTED COUNTRY OR GROUP OF COUNTRIES. THEY HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF CERTAIN PROPOSALS ADVANCED RECENTLY IN THIS FIELD BY THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, WHICH THEY WILL SUBMIT TO A CAREFUL EXAMINATION. UNQUOTE

4. ALL NINE HAD APPROVED THIS PARAGRAPH SAVE FOR FRANCE, WHICH HAD APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE BUT RESERVED FOR LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO VAN DER STOEL, DUE TO CHAOTIC CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DRAFTING PROCESS, THE PARAGRAPH WAS NOT INCLUDED IN COMMUNIQUE. APPARENTLY THE ISSUE OF ENERGY HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BEFORE THE SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE HAD COME BEFORE THE MEETING AND THE CHAIR HAD RULED AGAINST TAKING UP FURTHER ENERGY MATTERS.

5. I CAUTIONED OF POSSIBLE ADVERSE FALLOUT FROM DIRECT EC-ARAB NEGOTIATIONS NOT ONLY ON RESULT OF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE OF WEAK EC POSITION BUT ALSO ON US-EC RELATIONS PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL.

6. UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON ELABORATED ON THE BASIC AMERICAN RESPONSE TO THE OIL CRISIS, EMPHASIZING (1) THE NEED FOR UNIFORM CONSUMPTION RESTRICTIONS AMONG ALL COUNTRIES; (2) RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES, AND (3) STIMULATION OF OIL PRODUCTION DURING START-UP PERIOD UNTIL ALTERNATE SOURCES ARE PHASED IN. HE EMPHASIZED IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE PRODUCING NATIONS BE INCLUDED AS WELL AS THE CONSUMERS.

7. THE UNDER SECRETARY SAID HE CONSIDERED THE OECD INADEQUATE AS A FORUM ON TWO COUNTS, FIRST THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES WERE NOT AT A LEVEL AUTHORIZED TO MAKE CONFIDENTIAL

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POLITICAL DECISIONS, AND SECOND THAT THE PRODUCING NATIONS WERE NOT REPRESENTED.

8. VAN DER STOEL REEMPHASIZED THE FAVORABLE REACTION OF THE GON TO THE SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE FOR CREATION OF A WORLDWIDE ORGANIZATION, AND SAID HE WOULD PUSH THE CONCEPT IN VARIOUS EC ARENAS AS THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF.

9. WE SUGGESTED TO FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN LYNDEN THE POSSIBILITY OF THE GON ISSUING THE GIST OF THE ABORTIVE PARAGRAPH UNILATERALLY. VAN LYNDEN LIKED THE IDEA AND DISCUSSED IT WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ENERGY WANSINK. VAN LYNDEN SAID HE WOULD SEEK MINISTERIAL CLEARANCE ON A PLANTED QUESTION TO WHICH FONOFF SPOKESMAN WOULD REPLY TO EFFECT THAT GON WELCOMED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S IMAGINATIVE PROPOSAL AND WOULD GIVE IT CAREFUL STUDY ALONG WITH OTHER PROPOSALS HAVING THE SAME OBJECTIVE.
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